

Docket No.
448563/0222

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: **Hisashi Miyazawa** Art Unit: **2853**
Application No.: **09/525,477** Examiner: **An H. Do**
Filed: **March 15, 2000**
For: **INK-JET RECORDING DEVICE AND INK SUPPLY UNIT
SUITABLE FOR IT**

Date: March 29, 2006

**REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION
OF CONSIDERATION OF REFERENCES**

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Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests confirmation that the three references cited in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 7, 2004, have been considered. As explained below, Applicant submits herewith proof that these papers were filed.

The May 7, 2004, Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement appears in the Image File Wrapper for this application with a May 7, 2004, submission date, having been submitted along with a Petition to Withdraw From Issue. The May 7, 2004, Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement cited three U.S. references.

These papers were hand-filed in the Patent and Trademark Office, and were accompanied by a suitable hand-filing receipt. A copy of the hand-filing receipt is annexed hereto as Exhibit A; the undersigned confirms that the Office of Petitions Received stamp is dated May 7, 2004.

A copy of the Decision On Petition granting the Petition to Withdraw from Issue and remanding the case to the Examiner for consideration of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is annexed at Exhibit B.

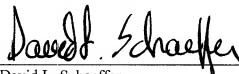
To date, Applicant has not received confirmation that the references cited in the May 7, 2004, Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, have been considered.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that an initialed copy of the PTO/SB/08A form which was part of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be returned to the undersigned as confirmation that these references have been considered.

For the Examiner's convenience, a copy of the PTO/SB/08A form filed on April 1, 2003, is annexed as Exhibit C.

Favorable consideration and confirmation that this information was considered are respectfully requested. In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please contact Applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David L. Schaeffer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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EXHIBIT A

**To: Office of Petitions
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Receipt of the following items on **May 7, 2004**, is hereby acknowledged:

1. Petition Requesting Withdrawal From Issue (2 pgs);
2. Request for Continued Examination (PTO/SB/30)
3. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (2 pgs)
4. Information Disclosure Statement by Application (PTO/SB/08A); and
5. Three documents

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EXHIBIT B



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OFFICE OF PETITIONS
ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed May 7, 2004, under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.


The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on April 7, 2004 in the above-identified application cannot be refunded. If, however, the above-identified application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to Irvin Dingle at (703) 306-5684.

The file will be forwarded to Technology Center AU 2861 for processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and for consideration of the concurrently filed Information Disclosure Statement.


Irvin Dingle
Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions
Office of the Deputy Commissioner
for Patent Examination Policy

¹ The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85(b), which includes the following language thereon: Commissioner for Patents is requested to apply the Issue Fee and Publication Fee (if any) or re-apply any previously paid issue fee to the application identified above. Petitioner is advised that, whether a fee is indicated as being due or not, the Issue Fee Transmittal Form **must** be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment. Note the language in bold text on the first page of the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (PTOL-85).

EXHIBIT C

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

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U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No.	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code* ² (if known)			
	US-	6,585,358	7-1-2003	Usui et al.	RECEIVED
	US-	2003/0128261	7-10-2003	Usui et al.	
	US-	10/150,479	5-17-2002	Sakai et al.	MAY 9 7 2004
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This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and) by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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